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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/724,085	<b>Applicant(s)</b> KIM ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Philip B. Tran	<b>Art Unit</b> 2155	

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 May 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Objections***

1. Claim 1, 18 and 20 are objected to because of the following informalities:  
Regarding claim 1, line 4, the term "including nodes..." should be "including actual nodes..." Regarding claim 18, line 2, the term "the parent nod..." should be "the parent node..." Regarding claim 20, line 4, the term "including nodes..." should be "including actual nodes..."

Appropriate corrections are required.

### ***Other References Cited***

2. The following references cited by the examiner but not relied upon are considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- A) Tzeng, U.S. Pat. No. 6,067,574.
- B) Meltzer, U.S. Pat. No. 6,665,683.
- C) Nishio, U.S. Pat. No. 4,868,743.
- D) Chevalier et al, U.S. Pat. No. 6,246,669.
- E) Nickel, U.S. Pat. No. 5,202,986.
- F) Forslow, U.S. Pat. No. 6,973,057.
- G) Breibart et al, U.S. Pat. Application Pub. No. US 2002/0147842 A1.

### ***Conclusion***

3. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters: In formalities objection discussed above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex Parte Quayle, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

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4. A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE TWO MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS LETTER.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Philip Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-3991. The Group fax phone number is (571) 273-8300. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar, can be reached on (571) 272-4006.

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